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# PROPOSED FINAL AGENDA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Wednesday, January 8, 2003  
9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

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**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** Times below are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by January 1, 2003. This meeting site is barrier free.

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- 9:00 a.m.**      **Call to Order\*\***
1.    **Approval of Agenda—Action**
  2.    **December Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:15 a.m.**      3.    **Department of Health (DOH) Update**
- *Mary Selecky, Secretary of the Department of Health*
- 9:45 a.m.**      4.    **SBOH Staff Announcements & Other Business**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
- 10:00 a.m.**      5.    **Overview of 2002 Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP) Report**
- *Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director*
  - *Joan Brewster, Director, Public Health Systems Planning and Development Office, DOH*
- 10:15 a.m.**      6.    **PHIP Workforce Training Needs Assessment Summary**
- *Janice Taylor, Workforce Development Consultant, DOH*
  - *John R. (Jack) Thompson, M.S.W., Director, Northwest Center for Public Health Practice*
- 10:30 a.m.**      7.    **PHIP Standards Assessment Results**
- *Barbara Mauer, Senior Consultant, MCPP Healthcare Consulting*
- 11:15 a.m.**      8.    **PHIP Finance**
- *Lois Speelman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Financial Services, DOH*
- 12:00 p.m.**      **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m.**      9.    **Food Code Rule Revision Process Update**
- *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
  - *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Jennifer Tebaldi, Food Safety & Shellfish Program Director, DOH*
- 1:45 p.m.**      10.    **School Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Recommendations**
- *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
  - *Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member*
  - *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
- **Possible Action**
- 2:15 p.m.**      11.    **West Nile Virus Briefing**
- *Linda Lake, WSBOH Chair*
  - *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Jack Lilja, Manager, Local Health Support Section, DOH*
  - *Lou Dooley, Director of Environmental Health, Clark County Health Department, Clark County Mosquito Control District Director*
  - *Larry Fay, Director of Environmental Health, Jefferson County Health and Human Services*
- 3:00 p.m.**      12.    **Proposed “Sense of the Board” on Possible 2003 Legislative Issues**
- *Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff*
- **Possible Action**
- 3:30 p.m.**      13.    **Report on Group “B” Drinking Water Survey**
- *Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member*
  - *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
  - *Gregg Grunenfelder, Drinking Water Division Director, DOH*
  - *Keith Higman, Environmental Health Director, Island County Health Department*
  - *Ed Dzedzy, Environmental Health Director, Lincoln County Health Department*
- 4:00 p.m.**      14.    **Public Testimony**
- 4:15 p.m.**      **Adjournment**

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**FYI**

As of: December 23, 2002

**Conferences**

Please note: This list is provided primarily for informational purposes. Due to the Governor's recent announcement of travel restrictions, Board members, staff and other state employees may not be able to attend these conferences unless they use personal resources.

- 1. The Annual Symposium on Governing and Leading Healthcare Organizations**  
*Sponsored by: American Governance and Leadership Group*  
January 27 - January 29, 2003, The Phoenixian, Scottsdale, Arizona  
***For more information, call (909) 336-1586***
- 2. Drug Access for the Underserved and Uninsured**  
*Sponsored by: The Institute for International Research*  
January 27 - January 29, 2003, Holiday Inn Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, Arlington, Virginia  
***For more information, call (888) 670-8200***
- 3. HIPAA Update: A Primer On Developing Business Associate Agreements In Washington**  
*Sponsored by: Lorman Education Services*  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 2003, Tacoma Rhodes Center, Tacoma, Washington  
***For more information, call (715) 833-3959***
- 4. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NMHCC Conference: Leading the Way in Managed Care**  
*Sponsored by: NMHCC*  
March 10<sup>th</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, The Washington Convention Center, Washington DC  
***For more information, call (888) 882-2500***
- 5. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ASIP Conference**  
*Sponsored by: Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs*  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, The Westin Grand Hotel, Washington DC  
***For more information, call (517) 485-7437***
- 6. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual EEA Healthy Planet, Healthy Children: Educating and Empowering**  
*Sponsored by: Environmental Education Association of Washington*  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, The Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, Washington  
***For more information, call (360) 497-7131***
- 7. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference**  
*Sponsored by: Washington Rural Health Association*  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington  
***For more information, call (509) 358-7640***
- 8. 2003 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Primary Care Update**  
*Sponsored by: The Inland NW Academy of Family Physicians, Family Medicine of Spokane*  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington  
***For more information, call (800) 325-4000***

**PROPOSED FINAL AGENDA****Correspondence from the Board****1. Washington State Department of Health Nursing Commission**

*Source: Vickie Ybarra, Washington State Board of Health, Board Member*

A letter thanking the Nursing Commission for the opportunity to make comments on the draft revisions to WAC 246-840-505 to 575, Nursing Education Program Rules.

**Correspondence to the Board****1. Washington State Board of Health Members and Staff**

*Source: Yakima Health District*

The Yakima County Board of Health is urging repeal of the water recreation Statute (RCW 70.90) and its related administrative rules, WAC 246-260 and WAC 246-262. They feel that since the Department of Health no longer provides any assistance to local health departments to implement this program, nor does it provide any technical support, the rules should be eliminated.

**2. Yakima County Board of Health**

*Source: Mary Selecky, Secretary of the Department of Health*

Under the current law, the Washington State Board of Health adopts rules for the safety, sanitation, and water recreation facilities. The Department of Health and local health departments enforce those rules. Although the program has been reduced, the department continues to provide technical support, training, and plan review for local health jurisdictions. Local health jurisdictions, for the most part, have assumed direct responsibility including licensing and inspection. The system has continued to work effectively since the program was reduced to providing some of the essential environmental health services for these people.

**3. Senator Dan Swecker**

*Source: Amy Brackenbury, Vice President, Washington Food Industry*

During the 2002 Legislative session, the Washington Food Industry urged you and other Legislators, to support a measure, which would have required the state to have a uniform food code. Currently, our state food code establishes a minimum standard and many local health jurisdictions have adopted regulations that vary from the state code. This has led to a confusing and complex (“patchwork”) approach to food safety regulations, one with which it is difficult for food service establishments to comply. The Legislation, sponsored by Senator Rasmussen and you, (SB6588) was passed by the legislature, but vetoed by Governor Locke.

**General Interest****1. Washington State Strategic Plan for Nursing**

*Source: Washington Nursing Leadership Council*

The Washington State Strategic Plan for Nursing outlines goals and strategies for addressing the current nursing shortage and the future status of nursing in Washington. It provides vision and serves as a guide for the identification of cooperative solutions to the nursing shortage and for the future efforts by all stakeholders that will ensure access to quality healthcare in the state of Washington.

**2. Washington State Oral Health Summit Meeting Notes**

*Source: Washington State Oral Health Commission*

This is a packet of information from the Oral Health Summit which includes the agenda, breakout meeting notes, and a list of attendees.

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*Source: Washington State Oral Health Commission*

This is a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation given at the Oral Health Summit entitled “Leading From the Surgeon General’s Report”. This presentation details out the Summit themes, Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health (2000) and partnerships in the “Call to Action”.

**4. 2002 County and City Profiles of Child and Family Well-Being**

*Source: Washington Kids Count*

Each year the profile provides a wide range of county and city level data on children and families in the areas of Education, Safety, Health, Community and Economics. This year’s profile contains several new indicators, including information on industrial toxic chemical releases, population levels and population changes by race/ethnicity, motor vehicle injuries and fatalities, racial/ethnic differences in home ownership, usage of food banks and income levels required to meet basic needs without assistance.

**5. State Assisted Living Policy 2002**

*Source: National Academy for State Health Policy*

This study examines the assisted living policies in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- In 2002, states reported a total of 36,399 licensed facilities with 910,486 units or beds, a 14.5% increase over 2000.
- 32 states and the District of Columbia now have a licensing category or statute that uses the term assisted living.
- 36 states, eight more than in 2000, now have requirements for facilities serving people with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.
- By October of 2002, 41 states had approval to cover services through Medicaid in residential settings (either assisted living or board-and-care licensing categories).
- Medicaid programs in 41 states reported serving about 102,000 residents in assisted living or residential care settings.

**6. Texas Appeals Court Overturns 32 Million Dollar Mold Verdict**

*Source: Charles Wiles, Executive Director, American Indoor Air Quality Council*

HarrisMartin Columns Mold ([www.harrismartin.com](http://www.harrismartin.com)) reports a Texas appeals court has affirmed in part and reversed in part a district court decision to award \$32 million to a Texas homeowner as a result of her insurance company's alleged refusal to cover her mold claim. Ballard v. Fire Insurance Exchange, et al., No. 03-01-00717 (Texas Ct. App., Third District). The Third District Court of Appeals issued its ruling Dec. 19, upholding the trial court's finding that Melinda Ballard and Ronald Allison's insurer Fire Insurance Exchange (Farmers) violated insurer statutes in its handling of their claim, but that there was no evidence of a knowing violation. As a result, the punitive damages awarded by the jury were found to be excessive.

**7. Perspectives on Oral Health & Access: Across the Nation and in Washington**

*Source: James J Crall, Director, MCHB National Oral Health Policy Center Columbia University.*

**Presentation Overview:**

- Overview of the magnitude and significance of oral health problems in kids
- Factors contributing to the problem
- Impact of Medicaid financing and reimbursement on access to care
- Ideas to keep in mind in designing solutions or new programs and examples of promising initiatives in other states
- Interfaces between the dental and medical care delivery systems

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*Source: Cle Elum-Roslyn Indoor Air Quality Coalition*

During the late 2001 and early 2002, in response to community concerns regarding the health issues of students and staff at Cle Elum-Roslyn High School, the Kittitas County Board of Health endorsed the formation of a representative coalition to address these concerns. The Cle Elum-Roslyn Indoor Air Quality Coalition was formed and held its first meeting on April 2, 2002. The Coalition finished its work on December 2, 2002. The final report with recommendations was forwarded to the Cle Elum-Roslyn School Board and the Kittitas County Board of Health. Please see report for recommendations and findings.

**Publications****1. Banking on Genes: DNA Sought as Key to Disease Causes and Cures**

*Source: Jama Vol 288 No. 23, December 18, 2002*

Geneticists believe they will need DNA samples from hundreds of thousands of people before they have amassed enough data to make possible the identification and treatment of certain diseases resulting from interactions between genes and the environment.

***For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110***

**2. Building on Values: The Future of Health Care in Canada**

*Source: Commission of the Future of Health Care in Canada*

Taken together, the 47 recommendations contained in this report serve as a roadmap for a collective journey by Canadians to reform and renew their health care system. They outline actions that must be taken in 10 critical areas, starting by renewing the foundations of Medicare and moving beyond our borders to consider Canada's role in improving health around the world.

***For more information, contact (306) 975-6888***

**3. Community Health Forum**

*Source: The National Association of Community Health Center, Inc., November/ December 2002*

In this Issue: Why don't men seek preventive care... Prostate Cancer: In search of a consensus... Richard Roundtree: Road to recovery... The return of syphilis... State by state... Health care needs of homeless men... Centers gain from clinical trials... Violence prevention.

***For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500***

**4. Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, November 2002*

In this Issue: DM program focuses attention on complex, high-cost patients... better care coordination = fewer dollars... Identifying patients... Care coordinates team with case managers... Goals may include, education, stabilization... A region wide approach to maternity management... Modest interventions can make a big difference in cholesterol management.

***For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500***

**5. Environmental Health Perspectives**

*Source: Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences*

In this Issue: Steps in a new direction... A primer in Toxicogenomics... Environmental Genome Project update... Getting genetic with malaria... A review of the Long-Term Immunologic effects of Dioxin... Ranking agricultural pesticides in community air... Low-level cadmium exposure affects renal function... Concentrated air particles cause constriction of small pulmonary arteries in rats... Acetochlor alters thyroid hormone-dependent gene expression in *Xenopus laevis*... Genetic Polymorphisms and Benzene Toxicity... Monitoring heat exposure and body temperature in the elderly... Arsenite and the Urothelial stress response... Cleaning lead dust from carpets and upholstery... Air pollution and

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Ischemic heart disease hospital admissions... Local population demography influences air pollution risk/benefit analyses... Cadmium exposure and nephropathy in a 28-year-old female metals worker... Influences of nutrient intake on blood lead levels... Cleaning homes to control lead dust... Airborne mold and infants at risk for asthma... Take-home pesticide exposure among farm families.

***For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500***

**6. Flood Tide Forum III: Building a Pathway to Universal Coverage: How Do We Get From Here To There?**

*Source: National Academy for State Health Policy*

Where do states go from here? For the past thirty years, states have tried a wide variety of initiatives designed to increase insurance coverage for the uninsured. Despite many successes, 41 million Americans remain uninsured and that number is increasing as the country faces an economic downturn and rapidly rising health care costs. Most of the uninsured are from families where one or more people are employed. As costs rise, in part because the cost to providers of treating the uninsured is shifted to the insured, employers can no longer afford to offer comprehensive coverage and are in turn shifting more of the high cost of premiums to employees, or offering only bare bones or catastrophic plans. Facing budget deficits, states are forced to cut back public health insurance coverage and postpone new initiatives. With this as background, the participants of the flood tide forum gathered to address the question of how to achieve universal health insurance coverage in the United States.

***For more information, visit Web site at [www.nashp.org](http://www.nashp.org)***

**7. I'm a Food-A-Holic: Don't Send a Lawyer**

*Source: Washington Business*

My name is Charlie and I am a food-a-holic! If you're a class action lawyer with pockets full of money from suing the tobacco companies - don't call. I'm not interested in class-action lawsuits against "Big Food". "Big Food" is the slick PR name trial lawyers have given the fast-food chains and snack companies. Nor am I interested in suing my "Little Food" like Dick's Drive-in or Ivars- my local hang outs. I like hamburgers, fries, fish and chips, pizza, candy. Soft drinks, and chocolate shakes – a; the things that are supposedly contribute to obesity. I don't want government or the courts telling me what I can eat. My problem is food, it's me. I'm not eating in moderation, I have a hectic work and family schedule, and my body is changing as I approach 50. Like many other Americans, I make a habit of eating on the run and racing from place to place and meeting to meeting and thinking I can still keep the pace of someone starting a career and a family.

***For more information contact (800) 521-9325 or visit Web site at [www.awb.org](http://www.awb.org)***

**8. News Brief**

*Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health*

In this Issue: National mentoring Program in Public Health... News From Washington... NALBOH Activities... A look at Membership... Tobacco Free USA... Flu Season Update... Tech Tips... NALBOH Needs you... Calendar of Events.

***For more information contact (419) 353-7714 or visit Web site at [www.nalboh.org](http://www.nalboh.org)***

**9. On the Edge of Tomorrow: Fitting Genomics into Public Health Policy**

*Source: The Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics (Maxine Hayes)*

This is a point/counter point article that concludes: A framework based on the core functions of public health- one that also breaks down the traditional categorical silos in public health programs- is a necessary prerequisite to effective widespread application of genomics in the public health arena. At the same time, it is important to recognize that genomics and the entire field of genetics is potentially dangerous ground and that public health is not the same as population health. The legal powers conferred on public agencies currently permit those agencies to perform their functions to protect the public's health, but those same powers applied within the new frontier can foster abuse and misapplication of genetic information.

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**10. Rhode Island Practice Offers Health Plan to Uninsured**

*Source: American Medical News, Jan 6, 2003*

Details of a separate program that would offer health care coverage to residents of an entire town are still being ironed out. While a Rhode Island Family physician's vision of a population-based primary care practice is still in the development stages, his group's idea to offer low-cost care to uninsured and underinsured patients is off and running. Hillside Health Access Alliance, founded by family physician Michael Fine, MD, senior managing partner of Hillside Avenue Family and Community Medicine, got under way recently amid high public interest and media acclaim. Described by Dr. Fine as "a regular person's alternative to boutique medicine," the Access Alliance plan allows people without health insurance to receive primary care at the practice's North Scituate and Pawtucket, R.I., locations without having to face prohibitive costs. [...]

***For more information, visit Web site at [http://www.amednews.com/content/pick\\_03/bisb0106.htm](http://www.amednews.com/content/pick_03/bisb0106.htm)***

**11. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, December 02, 2002*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – The health care system in rural America is up against a wall, with provider shortages, inadequate Medicare and Medicaid payments and rising numbers of uninsured. A look at federal and state responses.
- Behavioral Health New – A recently convened presidential commission declares the nation's mental health system "in shambles" and offers suggestions for a repair.
- Highlights – Physicians and Managed Care... MD WIC program... Diversity grants... DE smoking ban update... State health rankings... Rules for young drivers... CDC, MO domestic violence initiatives... Mock mental health system trial... WV suit on pharmacy benefits... CMS nursing home rankings
- Tracking Trends – The mental health system may face deep cuts in state funds in the year ahead. Thumbnail sketches of the budget outlook in five states.
- FYI – South Carolina's Palmetto Senior Care program offers frail elderly in rural areas options for remaining at home instead of a nursing home.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

**12. State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, December 17, 2002*

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – The lagging economy has put a range of health-related issues on a back burner for most of the year. In interviews, three state senators look back at the legislative work and ahead at the legislative agenda for 2003.
- Highlights – State insurance innovations... Up-date on Maine RX... NY Rx cost hearings... RI infant mortality study... MS oral health task force... Child deaths from violence in AZ, federal violence prevention grants... Race and patient trust... Pedestrian safety survey... National MADD grades & a response; drugs and driving study... Report card on end-of-life care.
- Tracking Trends – There's no light at the end of the tunnel for state budgets. A look at how healthcare services are faring.
- FYI – The Delaware Health Care Commission has launched a multifaceted campaign against diabetes. Public and provider education and research are among the key elements.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***



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*Source: King County TB Clinic, December 5, 2002*

Starting in the summer, and continuing into the fall of 2002, King County has experienced an increase in the number of homeless persons diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB). Five initial isolates of M. tuberculosis from 2002 homeless cases have had molecular strain typing. Four of these isolates are genotypically linked to a high degree of certainty, demonstrating a cluster of recent transmission.

***For more information, contact King County TB Clinic at (206) 731-4579***

**14. WSMA Reports**

*Source: Washington State Medical Association, November, December 2002*

Second edition of WSMA's WISHA manual now available... Seattle King County Disaster Team recruiting new members... Discounts on AMA publications available to WSMA and WSMGMA members... WSMA Legislative Summit set for February 3, 2003... Misdiagnosis + lack of concern prompt malpractice allegations... OIG Work Plan shows where feds will look for fraud, waste and abuse... Hepatitis C: Silent clinical malpractice epidemic.

***For more information, visit their Web site at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org)***

**Minutes from Local Boards of Health****1. Jefferson County Board of Health**

*November 21, 2002 Agenda and October 17, 2002 Meeting Minutes*

**Local Health Jurisdiction Reorganization – JHHS Budget History and Forecasts:**

Vice Chairman Masci, Jean Baldwin and Dr. Locke briefed the Board on Staff's research into health districts. They noted that the agenda packet included cites from the RCW and the WAC that distinguished between a health district and a health board. Dr. Locke talked about the independent legal authority of the Health Board, which is uniquely different from the tract of other departments who receive their authority by the Board of County Commissioners. While a Health District would remain the fiscal responsibility of the County, its liability would be reduced – 47 employees go away, leaving the health district and the County both with smaller, easier to manage governments. Ms. Baldwin talked about the challenges of being tied to County budgeting. A win-win situation for the County would be for a district to receive a finite amount from the County, City, hospital, etc., from which the department can do the work. With many rural counties in financial crisis an ongoing, stable funding source is needed. Three funding plans are currently before the legislature.

**National Small Pox Vaccination Plan:**

Dr. Locke reported that the County is in the process of developing a small pox vaccination plan and briefed the Board on two types of smallpox vaccinations: pre-event and post-event. There is no disagreement that the post-event vaccination is essential; typically the vaccine can be effective if people are vaccinated within three to four days after exposure. There is concern, however, about the number of people that should be vaccinated before exposure. He then talked about some of the reactions to the pre-event vaccination where the risks of the vaccine are high enough that only those most at risk for the disease should be vaccinated. This has become a political issue since the White House and Health and Human Services is considering a plan to vaccinate anywhere from ½ to 10 million people. What is most worrisome is that people who have been vaccinated can spread the infection to those unvaccinated for a period of up to 19 days. While the population under 30 is the most vulnerable, everyone is susceptible to smallpox. He then talked about those who should not receive the vaccination, such as those with immuno-deficiencies, because of their susceptibility to complications. From a national defense standpoint, it would make strategic sense to have as many people vaccinated as possible, but the issue is the price for this coverage. He noted that any plan would be implemented at the local level by the local Health Department.

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Dr Locke reported that the West Nile Virus has made its appearance in the bird population of Washington State. The two human cases in Washington State were contracted in other states. The speed with which this virus has spread across the United States was greater than expected. Four of the Mosquito vectors that are favorable for transmission of this virus are present in Jefferson County. Environmental Health response is doing active surveillance. Once it spreads into the bird population, it will start jumping into humans, but only about 1 out of 150 people get sick and of those, 50% would never fully recover and have permanent neurological injury. Commission Wojt asked if the symptoms in the majority of those infected are mild, how are they detected. Dr Locke responded that this is done with antibody testing of a population. The incubation period is a fairly short 7-10 days and the most sensitive test is actually of spinal fluid, which does little good because there is currently no treatment. In the future, West Nile is something that should be vaccine preventable. Jean Baldwin noted that Environmental Health's partners in this issue are local veterinarians.

**Public Health Reform: A Progress Report:**

Dr. Locke reported that all said district reorganization would not solve the central problem currently challenging all counties and all health districts in the State. Stable, dedicated funding for public health disappeared in the early 1970's and ever since, it has been a scramble from year to year to cobble together funding from a variety of different sources. Public Health appears increasingly ill suited to the current situation where we have a crash national program to rebuild our public health infrastructure with new problems coming all the time. We are likely to see the roles of the uninsured and those lacking access to medical care swell as healthcare financing problems get worse, which will then cause different types of health problems. There appear to be serious discussions leading toward action going on in Washington State. Noting that the agenda packet included a resolution from the State Public Health Association describing the various issues, he said a more useful resolution from the State Medical Association recently passed was committing them to supporting our legislative proposals. And that is really where this is going to go.